

REMARKS

Claims 22-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for the reasons set forth in numbered paragraph 2 of the Office Action mailed November 16, 2004, and claims 22-30 have also been objected to because of the informalities noted in paragraph 3 of the Office Action mailed November 16, 2004. In addition, claims 22-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for the reasons set forth in numbered paragraph 4 of the Office Action mailed November 16, 2004.

As the Examiner will have already noted, Applicant has canceled claim 30 and has amended claims 22-29, and has added a new claim 31, all presented in a manner now that is believed to have overcome the prior rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101, the claim objections, and the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Lastly, Applicant is also tendering a new Information Disclosure Statement which now references previously cited reference XP-002172972 as an abstract of a Japanese patent bearing that patent number. Applicant trusts the Examiner will now initial the new Information Disclosure Statement showing that the Examiner has considered this Japanese abstract.

There being no other material issues to be addressed, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendments, reconsideration of the present application in light thereof, and allowance of all pending claims 22-29 and 31 over all the prior art of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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